

**Title 6 – Department of Higher Education
Division 10 – Commissioner of Higher Education
Chapter 2 – Student Financial Assistance Program**

PROPOSED AMENDMENT

6 CSR 10-2.160 War Veteran's Survivors Grant Program. The commissioner is amending sections (1), (3), and (5).

PURPOSE: This amendment updates gender-specific language, clarifies the citizenship requirement, and adds a policy for award disbursement and delivery.

(1) Definitions.

[(J) His, him, or he shall apply equally to the female as well as the male sex.]

[(K)](J) Initial recipient means any applicant who meets the criteria set forth in section 173.234, RSMo, and in this regulation; has filed an accurate and complete application by the deadline established by the CBHE for the War Veteran's Survivors Grant program; and has not received a War Veteran's Survivors Grant award in any prior academic year.

[(L)](K) Institution of postsecondary education or approved institution shall be any Missouri public institution of postsecondary education as defined in section 173.1102(3), RSMo.

[(M)](L) Renewal recipient means any applicant who has received a War Veteran's Survivors Grant award; who meets the requirements set forth in section 173.234, RSMo, and in this regulation; and who has filed an accurate and complete application by the deadline established by the department for the War Veteran's Survivors Grant program.

[(N)](M) Satisfactory academic progress means meeting the requirements established by the approved institution in which the student is enrolled for students at the approved institution to receive assistance under Title IV financial aid programs included in the Higher Education Act of 1965, with the exception of grade point average.

[(O)](N) Survivor shall be any child up to twenty-five (25) years of age or spouse of a war veteran as defined in section 173.234.1(5), RSMo.

[(P)](O) Tuition is any tuition or incidental fee, or both, charged by an institution of postsecondary education for attendance at the institution by a student as a resident of this state.

[(Q)](P) Tuition assistance is the component of the award related to the actual tuition paid by the student up to the amount charged to a Missouri resident at the University of Missouri–Columbia.

(3) Eligibility Policy. To qualify for an award, an initial or renewal recipient, at the time of his application and throughout the period during which he receives the award, must—

(B) *[Be a U.S. citizen, permanent resident, or otherwise lawfully present in the United States, in accordance with section 208.009, RSMo]* **Meet the requirements set forth in section 173.1110, RSMo;** and

(5) Award Policy.

(B) Within the limits of amounts appropriated therefore, a renewal recipient may continue to receive an award so long as *[he]* **the recipient:**

1. Maintains a cumulative grade point average of at least two and one-half (2.5) on a four-point (4.0) scale, or its equivalent;
2. Maintains satisfactory academic progress; and

3. Otherwise meets the criteria of the War Veteran's Survivors Grant program.

(P) The applicant's award will be sent to the approved institution to be delivered to the student's account. The institution shall retain the portion of the award that the student owes for expenses and promptly give the applicant any remaining funds.

[(P)](Q) An applicant's failure to provide an accurate and complete application or any additional information by any deadline may result in loss of the War Veteran's Survivors Grant award.

[(Q)](R) The CBHE may withhold payment of any War Veteran's Survivors Grant award after initiating an inquiry into the initial or continued eligibility of a student or into the approved status of an institution.

[(R)](S) A student may transfer the War Veteran's Survivors Grant award from one (1) approved public institution of postsecondary education to another without losing eligibility for assistance, but the CBHE shall make any necessary adjustments in the amount of the award.

AUTHORITY: section 173.234, RSMo Supp. [2008]2013. Original rule filed Dec. 15, 2008, effective June 30, 2009. Amended: Filed June 15, 2016*

**Original authority: 173.234, RSMo 2008.*

PUBLIC COST: This proposed amendment will not cost state agencies or political subdivisions more than five hundred (\$500) in the aggregate.

PRIVATE COST: This proposed amendment will not cost private entities more than five hundred (\$500) in the aggregate.

*NOTICE TO SUBMIT COMMENTS: Anyone may file a statement in support of or in opposition to this proposed amendment with Kelli Reed, Missouri Department of Higher Education, P.O. Box 1469, Jefferson City, MO 65102-1469 or kelli.reed@dhe.mo.gov. To be considered, comments must be received within thirty (30) days after publication of this notice in the **Missouri Register**. No public hearing is scheduled.*